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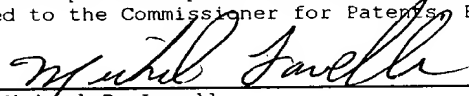
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
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In re/ Application of: **Theresa Ann JEARY,
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Based on International
Application No. **PCT/IE00/00060**
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Filed: **Herewith on 22 January 2001**
For: **MULTIPARTICULATE CONTROLLED
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS
PRIOR TO CALCULATION OF THE FILING FEE AND ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST TO BEGIN NATIONAL EXAMINATION UNDER 35 USC §371(f)**

Sir:

Please cancel Claims 6 to 9 inclusive.

Respectfully Submitted,


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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED PRIOR
TO FIRST EXAMINATION AND ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.104**

Sir:

Applicants request entry of the following claim
amendments. No claim fee is due inasmuch as the total